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- 25X1X 1. The firm of Joh. Alfred Richter, Kältemaschinenbau G.m.b.H., Berlin O 17, has about 1,100 employees in the plant and about 40 employees in the experimental section. The firm is still officially a private concern, but is apparently controlled by the Magistrat of East Berlin. At the present time Director Kring, an SED functionary, has been appointed by the Magistrat to supervise the liquidation of the plant. The experimental section will be kept and possibly a small experimental workshop.*
2. A new refrigeration unit plant called the Kühltomat VEB is to be constructed in Berlin-Johannistal on the grounds of the former Ambi-Budd plant.** Most of the equipment and machinery have already been delivered. It is hoped that the new plant can begin operating by the end of 1951. It is expected that all of the employees of the Richter plant will be absorbed, and that an additional 2,000 employees will be taken on.
3. In 1950 the firm delivered 34 climatically regulated testing chambers (Klimmagen) to the U.S.S.R. These units were designed for testing machinery and equipment under different pressures between plus 100°C and minus 100°C. Each unit was complete with an automatically controlled insulated testing chamber with the average dimensions of 1.5m x 1.0m x 1.0m. They were constructed for the use of Freon 22 in the cooling elements.***
4. In order to complete these units, 6,000,000 DM worth of equipment, particularly seamless drawn pipes, had to be imported from Western Germany.
5. At the present time, the Richter firm is engaged in manufacturing refrigeration units for 25 fishing luggers for the U.S.S.R. These units cost about 45,000 DM, and are designed to maintain a temperature of minus 25°C. They are installed by technicians from the firm and the pipes are laid the entire length of both sides of the ship's hold **** and *****

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- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment: The specifications were such that source assumes that they were intended for the testing of material used in high altitude flying. Freon 22 is produced only in the West; the USSR produces Freon 12, which cannot attain minus 100°C.
- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment: The specifications were such that source assumes that the ladders can be converted to purposes other than fishing, for instance, screen laying.
- 25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment: Joh. Alfred Richter Kühlenlagen, Berlin Q17, Warschauerstrasse 35 - 36, is listed in the Berlin telephone book for 1950 but not for 1951.

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